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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET. For Governor: DANIEL H. HASTINGS, OF CENTUR.

No political party wants strikes to happen; but the cutting down of wages incident to Democratic legislative bungling is producing a crop of them in excess of even Republican expectations.

A Chapter on Bluffs. It is interesting in this hilarious pre-convention time to recall the circular which President Cleveland issued to federal officeholders just eight years ago.

I deem this a proper time to especially warn all subordinate in the several departments and all officeholders under the general government against the manipulation of their official positions in attempts to control political movements in their localities. Officeholders are the agents of the people, not their masters.

This was a brave bugle blast; none the less so because those to whom it was addressed at once set to work to disregard it by fixing things so as to enable Mr. Cleveland to be re-elected. The executive department at Washington has, in the face of these unpunished and, so far as any evidence goes to the contrary, these very acceptable violations of six years ago, just had the temerity to repeat this grandiose order and Postmaster General "Hissell, like an obedient echo, has inserted the following tag:

The regulation outside that the postmaster shall install himself as the manipulator of the affairs of his own party. He is not thereby abridged of his privileges as a citizen, but restrained from encroaching on those of his fellow-citizens. Such a line of conduct as is hereinafter would expose him to the imputation of a conscious failure to earn his salary by his service, or of scheming to maintain or advance himself by other means than excellence in performance of duty; tends to excite dissatisfaction even in his own party, and brings reproach on the public service.

Improvements in Government. Among a large number of good, had and indifferent propositions submitted to the New York constitutional convention that abolishing the suffrage to women; that granting the death penalty and executive pardoning power in first degree murder, and that prohibiting the granting of aid to sectarian schools are the ones of most prominence.

earnest advocacy contemplates the creation of permanent charter commissions in cities. It is proposed that in every city in the Empire state there shall be a body of fifteen or more representative citizens, chosen if possible, on a general ticket by minority representation and serving without pay, whose sole business it shall be to publicly consider and submit to the people all proposed changes in the charter.

It will be singular if the present era of causeless railway strikes shall not give force to the sentiment favoring effective state arbitration. This really is one of the hardest problems of all; but it can have no better consideration than can be given it by the able men who make up the constitutional convention.

Answering a Back Number. Quite the funniest sight now visible is blustering Joseph Scranton's attempted pose as a persecuted martyr. Jumping at an assertion in THE TRIBUNE that he had declined to give it now, a statement immaterial in itself, yet one which, thanks to his own evasions as well as to our own evidence, we will believe to be true, this chronic office-seeker magnanimously informs the readers of his newspaper that "Mr. Scranton does not at all question or impugn (sic) the right of THE TRIBUNE to stand in with his opponents either inside or outside of the Republican party; he does object to the assassin methods of a newspaper claiming to be Republican, and whose principal owners profess to be his political allies in his present contest.

AS THE Coffee Cools. Among the froaks that appear at undesignated periods there are probably none more obnoxious than the concert talker, the spectator of a leading knowledge who lets the knowledge bubble for the edification of people sitting near during the theatrical or musical entertainment. The explanation of the fine points of this or that number, or opinions upon the relative merits of the various vocalists, given in a loud voice are tiresome enough during acts; but when they are given during particularly soft and melodious passages of music upon the stage, a strong desire to assassinate the talker is aroused in the breast of the listener who is fond of music. A number of attendants at the last performance of the "Fall of Babylon" were annoyed by two specimens of the most tedious talkers, a scrawny woman and a horse-looking man. They were evidently not in the habit of attending public entertainments of any kind, but by their gabble seemed desirous of impressing the spectators with the fact that they were up to date in all of the fine points of music and theatrical performance generally.

It is interesting, if not important, to know that Joseph Scranton does not "question the right" of THE TRIBUNE to conduct its own business in its own way. But had he, following his familiar custom, sought to dispute this right, instead of posing before the public in the serio-comic attitude of the politician gone to seed, the effect upon the management of this newspaper would have been precisely the same. He would, figuratively speaking, have been politely but firmly escorted to the door and kicked out into the domain of other back-number bosses.

For a West Side Kindergarten. It pleases us to notice and to welcome the proposed establishment on the West Side, under the energetic direction of Rev. M. M. Mill, of a kindergarten which is to be devoted particularly to the needs of that prosperous section of our city. In the efficient training of the young this system of juvenile education has won deserved favor. It is undoubtedly one of the highest expressions of common sense in popular education.

Very Little Difference. The strikers who held up trains because they carry express cars are equally as clear a breach of law as those who hold up trains because they carry express cars containing treasure.

tempted venture in Hyde Park shall have the effect of stimulating public sentiment in behalf of the kindergarten idea it will perform a service of lasting value.

THE RESIGNATION of Mr. Dony from the executive committee of the Pastors' union, supplemented by that committee's enlargement to include a number of eminent and practical business men, puts the Sunday closing movement on a basis more than ever likely to produce substantial and permanent results for good. Many persons who, intrusions, have disputed his judgment in minor particulars, will now feel free to follow the bent of good citizenship in its demand for a thorough, systematic and sensible prosecution of deliberate chief offenders against the Sunday law.

THE CITIZENS of Pittston are to be most heartily congratulated upon their overwhelming vote cast yesterday in favor of having reform and severities. The fact that the opponents of this measure, although aided in one or two instances by indiscretions on the part of the "enemy," could not muster more than one-fifth of the total vote cast is an emphatic testimonial in behalf of the spirit of progress never awakened in that promising community. As one of the uniform and persistent advocates of municipal reform THE TRIBUNE feels in this latest complete rout of the pull backs a sense of personal victory, which is not diminished by the fact that it has sought to aid in the unloading of certain influences connected with the forward Pittston movement that were calculated to do it more harm than good.

THERE is a revelation of quiet dignity and Yankee pluck in President Dole's letter to Judge Ganster which mark him as a good personage to keep an eye on.

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Defensive Auricular Apparatus. The boom of a certain Scranton editor for lieutenant governor took Fitz and died.

KEEP COOL. Oh, never mind how hot it is; Just wear a pleasant, smiling phiz; Don't fret, and don't kick and stew, As if the joys of life were few, This weather's good enough for you; Keep cool.

It ought to be hot in July; Of course, you know the reason why; The corn and things have got to grow; Warm weather helps them on, you know; The universe must have a show; Keep cool.

Just take things easy for a while; Don't try to put on too much style; Wear outting shirts, if you're a man, If not, do just the best you can; You'll find this is the wisest plan; Keep cool.

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